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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Responsive to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated February 10, 2005, the Applicants comment as follows. The Examiner writes:

The independent claims 1, 9, and 18 require generating patterns or pattern information by processing with critical band divisions as the basis for getting quantization weights for quantization band divisions that are not critical bands. The closest prior art that was found (Johnston, Smyth) describes differing quantization and critical bands; however, Johnston and Smyth determine adaptive quantization scale factors directly. That is, neither Johnston nor Smyth also describes quantization band weights computed from the critical band processing.

Nevertheless, the allowable subject matter of independent claims 1, 9, and 18 resides in the whole structure and interaction expressed by the combination of all limitations compared to the prior art of record. No particular reference provides relevant, objective evidence to make the claimed encoder, method, or medium, obvious by changing the closest prior art (Johnston, Smyth) way of determining and providing band quantization parameters to expression as weighting factors or weights, particularly with a proportion to pattern information (claims 1 and 18) or a quantization matrix (claims 1 and 9).

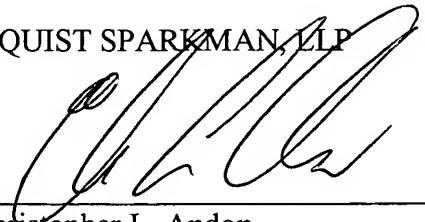
The Applicants agree that claims 1-23 are allowable, but the Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the claims and cited references. In particular, the Applicants

note that the claims are not limited by language that does not appear in the claims, but rather the actual language of the respective claims speaks for itself.

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